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NOTIFICATION

The Governor is hereby pleased to lay down the guidelines/criteria for implementation of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme (NBBF Scheme) launched on 5th October, 2020.

1. The scheme shall provide financial assistance to meritorious students who secure admission either in a Masters or a Ph.D course in one of the world's top 20 Universities.
2. The ranking of the Universities shall be ascertained from Times of Higher Education (THE) ranking and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) world university ranking.
3. The student selected under this scheme shall be conferred with the title of "Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellow".
4. The Scheme shall be open to any and every one hailing from Sikkim having COI/SSC who secures admission on his/her own in any of the world's top 20 Universities.
5. The scheme shall be open to study/research in any discipline. There shall be no monetary ceiling under this Scheme. However, the amount of financial assistance shall be unique in each case based on funding requirement of the universities and parental income.
6. The Scheme shall cover expenses towards tuition, boarding and lodging, books and stationeries and one set of to and fro travel from Sikkim to the country of the study in economy class.
7. The Scheme shall be operated by the Education Department with a dedicated budget head for this purpose.
8. Any un-disbursed amount in a particular year shall be added to the overall pool of resources in subsequent years.
9. The candidates shall be selected by a Committee as per following: -
 - i) Chief Secretary - Chairman
 - ii) Secretary-in-Charge of Finance Department - Member

- iii) Secretary-in-Charge of Education Department - Member
 - iv) Director, Higher and Technical Education - Member Secretary
10. The Scheme shall be effective from the date of issue of this Notification.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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Additional Chief Secretary,
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